GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4869
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AMENDMENT IN NARCOTICS DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCEAS ACT, 1985
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Narcotics Central Board(NCB) has suggested certain major structuralamendments in the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1985;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

a),(b) & (c) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1985 was recently amended by theNarcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances(Amendment) Act,2001 notified on 9.5.2001.

The Narcotics Drugs & Psychotropic Substances (Amendment) Act,2001has (a) rationalized the existing sentence structure so as to ensure that drug traffickers who traffic in significant quantities of drugs are punished with deterrent sentences, the addict and others who commit less serious offences are awarded less serious punishment

(b) restricted the application of strict ball provisions to those offenders who indulged in serious offences (c) removed the inadequacies relating to power of entry, search, seizure, forfeiture of illegally acquired property etc. and (d) addressed certain obligations specially in respect of the concept of controlled delivery arising from the UN Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances,1988 to which India is a party.